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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Chen *et al.*

Application No.: 09/876,984

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For: POLYURETHANE BASED INK FOR
WRITING INSTRUMENTS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002 ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks into the file of the above identified application. No fee is believed due for the filing of this response. However, should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14-15 without prejudice. Additionally, please amend claims 1, 16, 19, 23, 27, 29, 32, and 36 as follows:

- Sub. B1
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1. (Amended) A non-erasable ink composition for a writing instrument comprising an isocyanate free thermoplastic polyurethane resin, an organic solvent and a colorant, wherein the viscosity of the ink composition is from about 1,000 to about 50,000 cps at 20 °C.